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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT'S ENERGY MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, FEBRUARY 26, 1976

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1. AS REQUESTED, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM ENERGY MESSAGE AND ACCOMPANYING FACT SHEET ON PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL OF LEGISLATION REGARDING ALASKAN NATURAL GAS:

ENERGY MESSAGE: QUOTE: ALSO URGE PROMPT ACTION BY THE CONGRESS ON A BILL I WILL BE SUBMITTING SHORTLY WHICH IS DESIGNED TO EXPEDITE THE SELECTION OF A ROUTE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO BRING THE VAST SUPPLIES OF NATURAL GAS FROM THE NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA TO THE LOWER 48 STATES. THIS LEGISLATION
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WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE PRODUCTION OF ABOUT 1 TRILLION

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CUBIC FEET OF ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS EACH YEAR BY
THE EARLY 1980S. UNQUOTE.

FACT SHEET:(UNDER DESCRIPTION OF LONG TERM ELEMENTS
OF PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM) QUOTE EXPEDITING
DELIBERY OF NATURAL GAS FROM ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE
(LEGISLATIVE): THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED A NEW

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP EXPEDITIOUSLY THE
24 TRILLION CUBIC FEET OF ESTIMATED GAS RESERVES
ON THE NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA. THIS LEGISLATION
WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION
COMPLETE ITS ONGOING REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS WITH
RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1977.
IT ALSO DIRECTS OTHER DESIGNATED FEDERAL AGENCIES
(INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE
DEPARTMENTS OF THE INTERIOR, STATE, DEFENSE, TREASURY,
TRANSPORTATION, AND THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION)
TO MAKE ASSESSMENTS BY FEBRUARY 1977, REGARDING PROPOSALS
TO TRANSPORT THE ALASKAN GAS TO THE LOWER 48 STATES.
AFTER REVIEWING THE ASSESSMENTS, THE PRESIDENT
WOULD SELECT A ROUTE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE CONGRESS,
WHICH WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISAPPROVE HIS SELECTION.
IF THE PRESIDENT'S SELECTION WERE NOT DISAPPROVED BY
THE CONGRESS, JUDICIAL REVIEW THEREAFTER WOULD BE
LIMITED. OVER ONE TRILLION CUBIC FEET OF ALASKAN
NATURAL GAS COULD BE DELIVERED PER YEAR BY THE EARLY
1980S. UNQUOTE.

2. FULL TEXT OF MESSAGE WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY
BY CABLE. FACT SHEET WILL BE POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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